

MINUTES
EXETER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Exeter Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, November 17, 2014 at the Township Hall, 4975 DeMoss Road, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Donald R. Wilson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Donald R. Wilson, Chairman
John W. Bittig, Vice Chairman
Gary L. Shane, Secretary

ABSENT: Greg T. Unger
Glen Powell
Joseph Rogosky, GVC Consulting Engineer
Cheryl Franckowiak, Zoning Officer
Linda Cusimano, Recording Secretary

1. MINUTES

MOTION BY Mr. Bittig, seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2014 Planning Commission meeting. The motion carried unanimously with Mr. Wilson, Mr. Bittig voting in favor and Mr. Shane abstaining.

2. AGENDA

MOTION BY Mr. Bittig, seconded by Mr. Shane, to approve the agenda of the November 17, 2014 Planning Commission meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ALDI SIGN VARIANCE APPLICATION

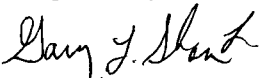
Mr. Wilson wanted to note on record that no one was in attendance to represent the Aldi variance request. Mr. Bittig stated that Aldi's has submitted a request for a variance before our Zoning Hearing Board. The issue was possible obscuration of their sign from the new light standard according to their lighting plan, both of which were approved as part of the final plan. Location of the sign was established at 25 feet from the r.o.w. of DeMoss Road. If they placed the sign where they wanted to, then the sign could fall onto DeMoss Road hitting cars or pedestrians, if they placed it on the 25ft setback it would fall entirely onto their own property. Mr. Shane stated that they did not show any justification. The Planning Commission agreed that there are alternative solutions, such as relocating the light standard. Also the Planning Commission's concern was that if the sign was erected in the proposed location and it would fall, it would fall into the public road right of way and could be a potential public health and safety concern.

MOTION BY Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Shane to recommend the Zoning Hearing Board reject the Aldi Sign Variance request as there are alternate solutions and due to concerns for public safety. The motion carried unanimously with Mr. Wilson, Mr. Shane and Mr. Bittig voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mr. Bittig, seconded by Mr. Shane, to adjourn the November 17, 2014 meeting of the Exeter Township Planning Commission at 7:19 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary L. Shane,
Secretary

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